

## PATENT APPLICATION

042390.P11456

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 10-22, 30-41, 50-61, 70-75, and 80-85 have been renumbered and remain in the application.

The amendments to the claims are truly cosmetic and do not narrow the scope of the claims. Therefore, Applicant believes that at least for this reason, these claims are not subject to the complete bar against the use of the Doctrine of Equivalents as outlined in *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*

**Conclusion**

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666.

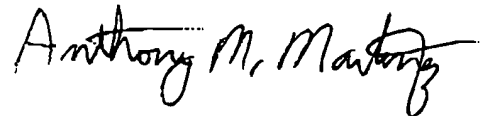
## PATENT APPLICATION

042390.P11456

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (480) 552-0624 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Coulson



Anthony M. Martinez

Patent Attorney

Reg. No. 44,223

Dated: *November 14, 2002*

c/o Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman, LLP  
12400 Wilshire Blvd., Seventh Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026  
(503) 264-0967